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SUBJECT: TRUDEAU VISIT AND GARRISON : MEDIA REACTION

1. FEB 23 WINNIPEG TRIBUNE HAD SEPARATE EDITORIALS ON PM'S SPEECH AND GARRISON.

2. TRIBUNE CALLED TRUDEAU SPEECH 'AN OFFER OF FAITH AND LITTLE ELSE'.

EDITORIAL CLAIMS PM 'DIDN'T SAY MUCH TO THE AMERICAN LEGISLATORS ON SUBJECTS THEY WANTED TO HEAR ABOUT - - ENERGY, TRADE, AND INVESTMENT'. NOTING IT WAS A GOOD, STRONG SPEECH, AS FAR AS IT WENT, 'IT FELL SHORT BECAUSE IT FAILED TO TELL ANY OF ITS HEARERS THE THINGS THEY WANTED TO KNOW.'

3. IN CONCLUSION, TRIBUNE SAID WHAT CANADIAN ARE WAITING FOR NOW IS 'LEADERSHIP AND POLICIES THAT WILL MAKE SENCE TO QUEBECERS AND TO THE REST OF CANADA. SO FAR, WE HAVE SEEN NEITHER'.

4. COMMENTING ON U.S. DECISION TO POSTPONE WORK ON LONETREE DAM, TRIB SAID THIS SHOULD DO MUCH TO BRING ABOUT THE REVITALIZED RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN CANADA AND THE U.S. . EVEN THOUGH MORATORIUM ON GARRISON IS ONLY TEMPORARY, TRIB FINDS IT REASSURING THAT THE NEW U.S. ADMINISTRATION IS WILLING TO REVIEW ALL ASPECTS OF THESE UNDERTAKINGS BEFORE LETTING THEM GO ON, AND IT SHOWED GOODWILL AND GOOD SENSE TO ANNOUNCE THE GARRISON MORATORIUM JUST
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DAYS BEFORE THE VISIT TO WASHINGTON OF PRIME MINISTER TRUDEAU .

5. WHILE THERE HAS BEEN NO PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE PM S SPEECH BY PROVINCIAL POLITICIANS, AT LEAST ONE PART OF THE SPEECH HAS CAUSED CONCERN AMONG SOME HERE. TRUDEAU SAID ACCOMMODATIONS WILL BE MADE, REVISIONS WILL TAKE PLACE SO THAT CANADIAN UNITY WOULD NOT BE FRACTURED. THE QUESTION HERE IS WHAT WOULD BE THE COST OF THESE

ACCOMMODATIONS AND REVISIONS TO KEEP QUEBEC IN CONFEDERATION.
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